

Remarks:

1. This amendment has been made to further amend the amended Claim 1 as filed on: 01/22/07 to cancel the indefinite word of "tiny". The remaining claims (Claims 2~12) had been canceled in last Response/amendment.
2. The prior art of US 6,016,822, also invented by the same inventor of this application, disclosed plural "air chambers" each confined between a recess (concave) inner tube wall and a convex(protruding) outer tube wall, especially as illustrated in attached Exhibit 1 as enclosed herewith. Such an air chamber is a crescent shape, rather than the tiny annular aperture (A) as taught by this application. So, it may not make a "slim" central shaft as telescopically folding the plural shaft tubes (as illustrated in Fig. 2 of this application), especially inferentially sketched (red lines) in Exhibit 2 as enclosed herewith. From Ex. 2, the plural tubes, as slidably engaged with one another, have the two neighboring tubes defining an annular aperture (A), rather than a crescent-shaped "air chamber" of the prior art, may make the central shaft greatly slimmed since the annular apertures (A) are each annular. So, this application is especially suitable for a number of tubes for forming the central shaft of a multiple-fold umbrella (Fig. 2 of this application shows a six-fold umbrella, which is so slim when compared with the Fig. 15 of the prior art of 4-fold umbrella of US 6,016,822).
3. Accordingly, this application is much improved over the prior art of US 6,016,822. This application is unobvious to the prior art

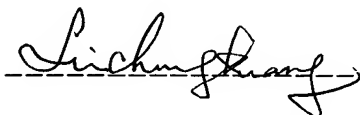
as cited. The Examiner is cordially request~~at~~o re-consider the allowability of this application. An early Notice to this effect is respectfully expected. (Please be noted that this Response/amendment is mailed, with Certificate of Mailing, on: 2/26/07, still falling within the 3-month statutory period since 12/01/06).

Respectfully submitted

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